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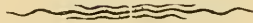
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BOUND PUBLICATIONS.

Oklahoma,	1,292
Indian Territory,	294
Foreign,	145
Total,	1,731

ON SHELVES AND BEING RECEIVED.

Oklahoma,	331
Indian Territory,	189
Foreign,	18
Total,	538

DEAD PUBLICATIONS ON SHELVES.

Oklahoma,	53
Indian Territory,	46
Total,	99
Stray Copies,	101
National Editorial Association Publications,	186

HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Oklahoma City, Okla.,
November 2nd, 1905.

LINCOLN MCKINLAY,
President Oklahoma Historical Society:

SIR:-- In pursuance of instructions by the board of directors of this society at its meeting, June 2nd, 1905, I am pleased to submit herewith review of the inception, progress and accessions to this society. I have omitted fixed properties, financial affairs and numberless small items of the collections such as souvenirs, pamphlets not bearing directly upon the history of Oklahoma, and sample copies of magazines from various states. Changes in the management of publications of the Territories are so frequent that errors as to management of some at this date are probable.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM P. CAMPBELL,

Custodian.

EXPLANATORY.

In regard to the custodians, beginning on page 8, it should read that Marion Rock became custodian January 1, 1902, and served until April 1, 1903, at which date Sidney Clarke became custodian, serving until Nov. 30, 1903, Marion Rock assisting. December 1, 1903, Marion Rock assumed duties of custodian, remaining until June 1, 1904.

Under the head of "Publications—Oklahoma," beginning on page 59, is meant that all publications under that heading are now coming to the collection, and where years are given (in figures), the publications for those years are bound. The same is true under headings "Oklahoma Publications—Discontinued," beginning on page 68; "Publications—Indian Territory," beginning on page 74; "Indian Territory Publications—Discontinued," beginning on page 79.

OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

THE INITIATIVE.

THE OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY had its inception with the editors of the Territory at their annual meeting at Kingfisher, May 27, 1893. The city was in rich deckings and ripe expectancy for the occasion and the opera house on Robberts avenue was in elaborate dressing. The forenoon session was presided over by J. L. Admire, of the Kingfisher Free Press, as president, and Mayor J. C. Robberts delivered an address of welcome in words of beauty and sentences of brief, yet replete with hearty sincerity. In turning the city over to the editors, Mayor Robberts said:

“It gives me pleasure to greet you and bid you welcome to Kingfisher—not because of the money we expect you to leave behind you, nor alone because of the benefits we expect to reap from the many good things you will say about our city and her people after you have returned to your homes; but, gentlemen, I greet you, and bid you a hearty welcome, for your own sakes and because of yourselves. We hear much of the wonderful growth of Oklahoma. Her praises are sung upon every land. Her progress, morally, politically and financially is the astonishment of the whole world; and when we ourselves stop long enough to behold it, we are simply amazed. What has been done in four years has required a quarter of a century in all other states and territories of the Union. When we remember that only four years ago, by the simple tap of the bell or touch of the button, more than 60,000 people from every quarter of the globe were turned loose in a wilderness without law or precept to guide them, and that this condition of affairs lasted for more than a year, we wonder at the happy condition of things today. But when we remember the admonitions, the good counsels, the entreaties, the solid shot of reason-

able argument, the calm peace be still, all filled with kindred words of hope, coming day by day from the Oklahoma newspapers, seasoned and blessed with the words of hope and encouragement of the editors, then we appreciate what you have done for Oklahoma. And to you, gentlemen, we owe more than any other people, or class of people, for what we boast today. While our people are the most energetic, our fields the most fruitful, our editors are the brightest, the bravest and the best in all the world. For all these reasons, and more, again, gentlemen, I bid you a most hearty welcome to Kingfisher. The town is yours."

Frank McMasters responded in his unique and pleasing vein, but the record of his exact language is lost. The following members of the association were present:

Frank Greer, Guthrie State Capital; W. P. Thompson, Guthrie News; Frank Prouty, Guthrie Real Estate Exchange; John Golobie, Guthrie State Capital; E. E. Brown, Oklahoma City Times-Journal; Frank McMasters, Oklahoma City Gazette; Mr. Pitts, Guthrie Leader; J. B. Campbell, Hennessey Clipper; Reub Weesner, Hennessey Democrat; J. E. Quein, Edmond News; Mr. Owen, Edmond Sun; H. B. Gilstrap, Chandler News; Miss Effie Gilstrap, Chandler News; C. E. Hunter, Okarche Times; Mr. Hummer, Okarche Times; C. F. Cook, Cloud Chief Sentinel; J. L. Admire, Kingfisher Free Press; Frank Purecell, Kingfisher Times; W. P. Campbell of Kingfisher.

Officers chosen for the ensuing year:

J. E. Quein, President; E. E. Brown, Vice President; Effie Gilstrap, Treasurer; Frank McMaster, Frank Greer, Frank Purecell, Executive Committee; W. P. Campbell, Frank Prouty and W. P. Thompson, Committee on World's Fair (Chicago) excursion

At the evening session J. E. Queen read a paper on the "Newspaper as a Town Builder," and Frank Greer discussed "Legal Rates," which resulted in resolutions demanding the same for all public printing, and pledging members of the association to stand by the legal rate. At the conclusion of the program, W. P. Campbell stated that it had been his humble

privilege to attend a meeting of Kansas editors at Manhattan on the 9th day of April, 1875, and aid in establishing the society which had preserved the newspapers of that state; that he hoped this meeting would do something to perpetuate its memory for all time. He therefore moved that the editors of Oklahoma form a Historical Society for the purpose of collecting and preserving files of all publications of Oklahoma and Indian Territory, and such other matters that may be deemed worthy of preservation for the future historian. The motion prevailed, and Mr. Campbell was chosen custodian.

At night a banquet was given at the Johnson House with Vol. Sayre as host. Frank McMaster was chosen toastmaster and led the genial feast with a toast to the President, and the menu was given digestive impulse by toasts in which practically all those present participated, including Governor A. J. Seay and Mayor J. C. Roberts.

Thus the editorial association meeting at Kingfisher, May 27, 1893, inaugurated the move from which has evolved the Oklahoma Historical Society as a Territorial Institution, outclassing in many of its features and value of its collections, like societies of a quarter century or more existence.

Two days after the editors adjourned the following "Circular No. 1" was issued and sent broadcast, especially among the press:

OFFICE OF HISTORICAL CUSTODIAN,
OKLAHOMA PRESS ASSOCIATION,

KINGFISHER, OKLA., May 29, 1893

At their annual meeting in this city, May 27, the editors of Oklahoma created a department in connection with the association, to be called the Oklahoma Historical Society, of which the undersigned was selected as secretary and custodian to serve for the ensuing year.

The object in establishing this department is the collection of newspapers, books and periodicals, productions of art, science and literature, matters of historic interest, etc. It is especially desired that publishers send regularly two copies of their publications, to be filed, and bound at end of each year.

While this is designed as an Oklahoma institution, anything of the nature suggested will be thankfully received from any source, and will be given a proper place among the exhibits.

For the present, headquarters will be at Kingfisher, where a suitable building has been secured for the storage, safe care and proper exhibition of contributions.

Those feeling an interest in laying the permanent foundation for

one of the most important institutions of Oklahoma, are requested to forward as early as possible and as often as they secure them any articles that may seem of historic interest, beautiful, instructive or curious. Address, prepaid.

W. P. CAMPBELL.

Historical Custodian,

Kingfisher, O. T.

Official Recognition.

The first official recognition is contained in Governor Renfrow's message to the legislature of 1895, which reads :

" During May, 1893, the Oklahoma Editorial Association established a bureau known as the Historical Department of the Oklahoma Press Association. The special object of this bureau is the collection and preservation of newspapers and other publications of the Territory, views, reports and general matter which may prove of information and historic interest. Mr. W. P. Campbell, the custodian, reports quite successful results from the work thus inaugurated. He has now, practically, files of all Territorial publications, including those which have been suspended or been merged. The importance of collecting and preserving inviolate this great source from which the future history of Oklahoma may be read and written, is a subject which ought to demand the attention of the Legislature to secure the permanency of such a bureau "

The next official recognition was through a concurrent resolution of the legislature of 1895 ordering a sufficient number of public documents of the territory to enable the custodian to make exchange with the various states and territories for like documents, and under this resolution the documents for that year were furnished. Up to this time, and subsequently until moved to Norman, the collection was furnished a room in the Kingfisher County court house through the kindness of J. B. Campbell, then register of deeds of that county, but now of Waukomis, and the work of making the collection and caring for it, including expenses, was met by the custodian.

Trustee of the Territory.

A meeting of the editors of the territory had been called at Perry for February 13, 1895, with a view of procuring a charter

and going before the legislature for aid in prosecuting the work of the society and maintaining its collection. However, on January 16 preceding this meeting, members of the faculty and students of the University at Norman, and citizens of that town, organized "The Oklahoma Historical Society," with a like purpose as that of the Press Association society, and January 21st procured a charter. The Norman people went at once before the legislature asking recognition, with Norman as the seat of their society. Under an agreement that the society should be maintained forever without aid from the territory, a bill passed the Upper House, but before it passed the Lower House the editorial meeting at Perry came off. At this meeting the collection was assigned to the custodian and he was placed at liberty to take such action as deemed necessary under the premises. A compromise was thereafter effected whereby the collection was to be moved to Norman, and an appropriation asked with which to maintain it the next two years, and the editors should forever have a controlling membership on the board. Under this compromise a bill passed both houses of the legislature and became a law, creating the Oklahoma Historical Society as the trustee of the Territory, and carrying with it an appropriation of \$2,000. The collection was at once shipped to Norman and formed the nucleus of the collection which is now the pride of the territories, and which is larger and more valuable in historic wealth than contained in the collection of many of the states.

The statute creating the Society as trustee of the territory was approved by Governor Renfrow February 21, 1895, and provides that the Society shall be the trustee of the territory, with a board of directors to consist of as many members as the Society shall determine. The purposes of the Society are set forth substantially the same as those of the Press Association. One section provides that the Society shall receive from the territory a sufficient number of public documents of the territory as may be necessary to make exchange with other states and territories for like documents. The press is given control on the board of directors.

July 10th, after the collection had been moved to Norman,

Mr. Campbell retired as custodian, succeeded by W. T. Little, who, as a member of the legislature, had been influential in securing the appropriation. Among the many valuable accessions during Mr. Little's custodianship were documents pertaining to Cimarron Territory.

Moved to Oklahoma City.

The crowded condition of the University building at Norman made new quarters for the collection necessary; "and," quoting from the report of President McKinlay, of the Society for 1901-2, "what was more important, the necessity of fire proof rooms for the safe keeping of the rapidly increasing collections of the society, became very apparent. This fact has been since emphasized by the burning of the entire plant of one of the greatest newspapers of the territory, with all its back files; and had it not been for the Historical Society, which had these files in bound volumes, a very important history of Oklahoma would have been irrevocably lost." (It may be added that the removal of the collection was fortunate as the University building soon after burned with all its contents).

The legislature of 1901 provided for the removal of the collection from the University at Norman. In accordance with this enactment the board, at its annual meeting in June, 1901, authorized the executive committee to accept an offer made by the board of directors of the Carnegie Library building at Oklahoma City. In his report of 1901-2, President McKinlay says: "This offer was that the Society should have the use of the entire upper floor, or 'stack room,' of the library building, with light, heat, and janitor service, all for the nominal consideration of one dollar, for the time until the territory shall have a capital building ready for the collection. A contract to this effect was duly executed by the proper officers of both boards of directors in September, 1901."

In accordance therewith, on the first of January, 1902, the collection was moved to the Carnegie Library building, in fire proof rooms, this being its present home. For the first eight months after the removal Sidney Clarke acted as custodian of the Society, and among the valuable collections made during his

term may be mentioned all the official and printed court documents relating to the Greer County case, which carries from back to the earliest known of that county until it became, by the highest authority, a part of Oklahoma. On the retirement of Mr. Clarke, April 1, 1903, Mrs. Marion Rock, Carnegie librarian at Oklahoma City, was appointed custodian and served until June 1, 1904, when after an absence of nine years from connection with the Society, W. P. Campbell was appointed custodian, and is still serving.

A general accession book has since been installed, wherein is kept a record of all general accessions—author, title, character, donor, date of receipt, etc. An accession book for newspapers was also installed, in which to keep a record of all publications, when established, by whom, editor, date of first copy received, etc. A card system has also been installed whereby each publication has its individual card on which is entered the date of each issue as received, so that by a glance at the card any missing number may be ascertained. An account book and visitors' book have likewise been installed.

During the session of the recent legislature an estimate of the needs of the Society for the biennial period of 1905-6 was furnished members of the legislature, and, although the appropriation was made in bulk, it was based on this estimate—\$2,000 per annum. In October of last year a circular letter was addressed to the candidates of the different political parties in each of the counties in the territory asking for photographs and data, that some day the annals of the territory might be written. Many responses have been received from these letters. Some progress has been made in clippings of various important events of the territories to be made into scrap books indexed for ready reference.

During June of last year 232 volumes of publications were sent to the State Capital for binding, and these have been placed in the cabinets. March 8th of the current year 252 volumes were sent to the Guthrie Leader for binding, an aggregate of 1698 bound publications, and later perhaps one hundred more held for securing missing numbers and back files. Back files

and partial back files, aggregating 141, have been secured, a definite list being of record here.

The stamp account, June 1, 1904, to June 1, 1905, represents 1,869 letters sent out, copies of lists of which are here. The bulk of this correspondence related to the newspaper feature of the collection, though many inquiries have come to the Society which had to be answered; besides, correspondence has been opened with the department at Washington, and with the principal historical societies of the country, resulting in a mutual exchange valuable to the collection.

In an effort to secure historical matter attention has been given to the Indian Territory equally with that given to Oklahoma, and the theory has been adopted that the time to secure data is as early as history forms.

Cards were issued during the National Editorial Association meeting at Guthrie in June, 1905, asking that a copy of each paper containing reference to that meeting or the itinerary of the national editors in Oklahoma and the Indian Territory be sent the Oklahoma Historical Society, these to be bound in a souvenir volume. In response to these cards write-ups of editors throughout the Union have been received, aggregating hundreds of columns. Thus will be preserved, in an interesting way, a record of the greatest editorial event witnessed in the West.

OFFICIAL ROSTER.

OKLAHOMA PRESS ASSOCIATION.

1893.

President—J. E. Quein.
Vice-President—E. E. Brown
Secretary—Harry B. Gilstrap.
Treasurer—Effie Gilstrap.
Custodian—W. P. Campbell.

1894.

Roy Hoffman.
E. E. Brown.
Lon Whorton.
A. C. Dolde.
W. P. Campbell.

Oklahoma Historical Society.

First Board of Directors 1895-6:

W. C. Renfrow, Guthrie; D. R. Boyd, Norman; John I. Dille, El Reno; W. R. Asher, Tecumseh; Leslie G. Niblack, Guthrie; A. C. Dolde, Newkirk; F. B. Ferguson, Watonga; C. E. Hunter, Enid; Leo Vincent, Guthrie; James H. Hale, Pawnee; W. T. Little, Perry; T. A. Chesney, Norman; John T. Hefley, Norman; A. J. Seay, Kingfisher; A. C. Scott, Oklahoma City; Henry E. Asp, Guthrie; G. W. Sutton, Cleveland; John Golobie, Guthrie; J. V. Admire, Kingfisher; J. J. Burke, Oklahoma City; Frank Walling, Medford; Effie Gilstrap, Chandler; Will E. Bolton, Woodward; D. B. Phillips, Yukon; J. A. Overstreet, Norman.

President, F. S. E. Amos; Secretary, Nettie Walker; Treasurer; D. B. Phillips; Vice Presidents, John T. Hefley and Katherine Pennistone; Custodian, W. T. Little (W. P. Campbell until July 10, 1895).

Directors—1905-6:

Frank Northrup, Oklahoma City; Lincoln McKinlay, Newkirk; Roy Stafford, Oklahoma City; Jasper Sipes, Oklahoma City; J. B. Thoburn, Guthrie; J. W. McNeal, Guthrie; Sidney Clarke, Oklahoma City; V. C. Welch, Perry; F. H. Greer, Guthrie; Lon Whorton, Perry; W. P. Campbell.

Officers—1905-6:

Lincoln McKinlay, President; Jasper Sikes, Vice-President; Sid-

ney Clarke, 2d Vice-President; J. W. McNeal, Treasurer; Lon Whorton, Secretary; W. P. Campbell, Custodian.

The annual meeting of the Society is held in the first week of June each year at Oklahoma Historical Rooms, Carnegie Building, Oklahoma City.

Official Roster - Summary.

Presidents:

F. S. E. Amos, Jan. 16, 1895, to June 1896; Mort L. Bixler, June 1896, to June, 1898; Lincoln McKinlay, June, 1898, to June, 1906

Vice-Presidents:

John T. Hefley, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1896; Katherine Pennistone, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1896; E. W. Hoyt, June, 1896, to June, 1898; J. A. Overstreet, June, 1896, to June, 1898; David R. Boyd, June, 1898, to June, 1903; Sidney Clarke, June, 1903, to June, 1906; Jasper Sipes, June, 1904, to June, 1906.

Secretaries:

Nettie Walker, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1899; Lon Whorton, June, 1899, to June, 1906.

Treasurers:

D. B. Phillips, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1896; Lincoln McKinlay, June, 1896, to June, 1898; H. B. Gilstrap, June, 1898, to June, 1899; J. W. McNeal, June, 1899, to June, 1906.

Custodians:

W. P. Campbell, May 27, 1893, to July 10, 1895; June 1, 1904, to date; W. T. Little, July 10, 1895, to Jan. 1, 1900; Don A. Northup, Jan. 1900, to June, 1900; G. A. Bucklin, June, 1900, to August, 1900; E. V. Vanderslice, August, 1900, to January, 1902; Marion Rock, January 1, 1902, to April 3, 1903; December, 1903, to June 1, 1904; Sydney Clarke, April 3, 1903, to April 3, 1904.

May 27, 1893, to February, 1895, the Society was under direction of the Oklahoma Press Association, and not Territorial control.

Assistant Custodian:

Marion Rock, April 3, 1903, to April 3, 1904; Lela Mauldin, Jan. 1, 1904, to date.

Directors:

W. C. Renfrow, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1896; D. R. Boyd, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1903; John I. Dilley, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1898; W. R. Asher, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1896; Leslie G. Niblack, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1899; A. C. Dolde, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1899; T. B. Ferguson, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1899; C. E. Hunter, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1896; Leo Vincent, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1898; James H. Holt, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1896; W. T. Little, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1900; T. A. Chesney, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1896; John T. Hefley, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1896; A. J.

Seay Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1899; A. C. Scott, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1899; Henry E. Asp, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1899; G. W. Sutton, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1898; John Golobie, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1896; J. V. Admire, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1896, and 1900 to 1901; J. J. Burke, Jan. 16, 1895 to June, 1896, and 1899 to 1900; Frank Walling, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1896; Ellie Gilstrap, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1900; Will E. Bolton, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1898; D. B. Phillips, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1896; J. A. Overstreet, Jan. 16, 1895, to June, 1896; Edw. DeBarr, June, 1896, to 1898; John I. Mitch, June, 1896, to June 1898; Sidney Clarke, June, 1896, to 1906; Lincoln McKinlay, June, 1896, to 1906; W. N. Rice, June, 1896, to 1898; Lon Wilder, June, 1896, to June, 1898; Nettie Walker, June, 1896 to 1898; E. W. Hoyt, June, 1896, to 1899; F. H. Greer, June, 1896, to 1906; Shirley Chapman, June, 1896, to June, 1898; Mort L. Bixler, June, 1896, to 1898; W. H. Peter, June, 1896 to 1898; E. H. Perry, June, 1896, to 1898; Harry B. Gilstrap, June, 1896, to 1899; Lon Whorton, June, 1896, to 1906; Will T. Walker, June, 1896, to 1899; V. C. Welch, June, 1896, to 1899, 1901 to 1903, and 1904 to 1906; J. B. Campbell, June, 1898, to 1899; C. H. Miller, June, 1898, to 1899; J. W. Bishop, June, 1898, to 1899; Jerre Johnson, June, 1898, to 1899; R. Q. Blakeley, June, 1898, to 1899; A. C. Glassen, June, 1898, to 1899; T. J. Palmer, June 1898, to 1899; J. W. Randall, June, 1896, to 1899; J. A. Buckles, June, 1896, to 1899; Tom Jarboe, June, 1899 to 1900; J. W. McNeal, June, 1899, to 1906; T. F. Hensley, June, 1899, to 1900; C. M. Hill, June, 1900, to 1901; Jasper Sipes, June, 1900, to 1906; Frank T. Cook, June, 1900, to 1901; A. J. Ross, June, 1900, to 1902; J. W. Lawton, June, 1901, to 1902; Gov. W. M. Jenkins, June, 1901, to 1902; Chas. F. Barrett, June, 1901, to 1902; Roy Stafford, June, 1902, to 1906; Frank B. Northup, June, 1902 to 1906; E. E. Brown, June, 1901, to 1903; Ed Felt, June, 1903, to 1904; Frank McMaster, June, 1898, to 1901.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

I. This association shall be styled the "Oklahoma Historical Society." The object of the Society shall be to collect, embody, arrange and preserve books, pamphlets, maps, charts, manuscripts, papers, paintings, statuary, and other materials illustrative of the history of Oklahoma in particular, and of the country in general; to procure from the early settlers narratives of the events relative to the early settlement of Oklahoma, and of the early explorations, the Indian occupancy, opening and immigration to the Territory and the West; to gather all information calculated to exhibit faithfully the antiquities, and the past and present resources of the commonwealth, and to take steps to promote the study of history by lectures and other available means.

II. This Society shall consist of active, life, honorary and corresponding members, who may be chosen by the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting, except at their meeting next preceding the annual meeting of the Society; the active members to consist of citizens of the commonwealth, by the payment of one dollar annually; the life members by the payment at any one time of ten dollars; the honorary and corresponding members, who shall be exempt from fee and taxation, shall be chosen from persons in any part of the world, distinguished for their literary or scientific attainments and known especially as friends and promoters of history; editors and publishers of newspapers and periodicals who contribute the regular issues of the same to the collections of the Society, shall be considered active members of the Society during the continuance of such contribution.

III. There shall be a Board of Directors of the Society, to consist of eleven members [changed from 25 to 11 members, Oct. 9, 1899], who shall be elected from among members of the Society; or, if any person be elected who shall not at the time be a member of the Society, he shall become such by the payment of the annual membership fee of one dollar; and he shall then become qualified to act as a member of the Board of Directors upon taking the oath of office as such. Any person elected a member of the Board of Directors who shall fail to qualify within sixty days after being notified of his election, shall be deemed to have declined the office, and the same shall thereby be considered vacant. Any vacancy in the Board of Directors, or in any office of the Society, may be filled by the Board of Directors at any meeting subsequent to the occurring thereof. Any number not less than five shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. No member of the Board of Directors or other officer, except the Custodian, shall receive pay for any of the ordinary duties of his office.

IV. The elective officers of the Society shall consist of a President and two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, Custodian, Treasurer. The President, Vice Presidents and Treasurer shall hold their offices for a term of one year, and until their successors are chosen; said officers to be chosen by ballot of the Society, their election to be made at the annual meeting of the Society, and their terms of office shall begin at the date of their election and qualification in office. The Secretary and Custodian shall hold their offices for a term of two years, and until their successors are chosen. And, in addition to these officers, all donations of money or property (if accepted by the Board of Directors) to the amount or value of five hundred dollars shall constitute the donors life-directors of the Society during their natural lives; but such life-directors shall never exceed in number the regularly elected directors; and all moneys from life-directorships or from donations or bequests, unless especially directed otherwise by such life-directors, donors, or devisors, shall be invested to the best advantage, and the accruing interest be used and shall be employed in such manner for the benefit of the Society as the Board of Directors may direct.

V. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held at the Society rooms on the first Saturday in June; and those members not less than six (6) who meet at any annual or special meeting of the Society upon the call of the Board of Directors, shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

VI. The President, or in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents, or in their absence any member of the Society selected on the occasion, shall preside at the annual meeting or any special meeting of the Society. Such presiding officer shall preserve order, regulate the order of proceedings, give a casting vote whenever the same is required, and countersign all warrants drawn by the Secretary.

VII. The Secretary shall preserve a full and correct record of the proceedings of all the meetings of the Society, to be entered on his book in chronological order. These records shall always be open for the inspection of any member of the Society. He shall conduct the correspondence of the Society, shall preserve for the Society the official communications addressed to him and keep copies of official letters written by him; he shall have charge of the seal; he shall collect or cause to be collected moneys due to the Society and pay the same to the Treasurer; he shall give notice of the meetings of the Society; he shall edit and supervise, under direction of the Publication Committee, the publications of the Society, and to prepare or cause to be prepared and published, a bi-ennial report of the work and condition of the Society.

VIII. The Custodian shall have charge of the books, manuscripts, and other collections of the Society; he shall keep a catalogue of the same, together with all additions made during his official term; in case of donation, he shall specify in his record the name of the book, manuscript, or article donated, with the name of the donor and date of the gift; he shall make an annual report of the condition of the library; he shall keep and cause to be suitably bound such papers as he

shall deem fit, out of funds not otherwise expended; he shall direct the literary exchanges; he shall report to all calls made upon him touching the affairs of his office by the Secretary of the Society, his work to be under the general supervision of the Secretary.

IX. The Treasurer shall receive and have charge of all dues, appropriations, donations and bequests of moneys, and all funds whatsoever of the Society, and pay such sums as the Board of Directors may from time to time direct, on the warrant of the President, countersigned by the Secretary; and he shall make an annual report of the pecuniary transactions of the Society, and also a statement of the funds and property of the Society, at any special or stated meeting when thereto required.

X. The Custodian and Treasurer shall give satisfactory bonds, in such sums as the Board of Directors may deem proper, for the faithful performance of their respective duties, and for the faithful preservation of property of every kind belonging to the Society; and such bonds shall be filed among the papers of the Society.

XI. The Directors shall elect their own officers. The Directors shall supervise and direct the financial and business concerns of the Society; may augment the library cabinet, and gallery, by purchase or otherwise; may make arrangements for a single lecture or a course of lectures, for promoting historic knowledge, and increasing the pecuniary resources of the Association. They shall have power to fill any vacancies occurring in their numbers; they shall audit and adjust all accounts of the Society; they may call special meetings when necessary, appoint the annual orator, make suitable arrangements for the delivery of the annual address, use their discretion as to the publication of any communications, collections, transactions, annual or other addresses, or other written matters of the Society, and they shall make a full report of their transactions to the Secretary, accompanied by such suggestions as may seem to them appropriate and worthy of attention. They may appoint an Executive Committee from their own number, to perform such duties as may be prescribed for such committee.

XII. The Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to cause the bills for the annual dues of active members to be made out and sent to the addresses of such members on or before the first day of June of each year, with a copy of this article, and if such amount is not paid to the Treasurer of this Society by the first day of December following, of said year, those members in arrears shall be deemed to have forfeited their membership and their names shall be stricken from the roll of members. The term of annual memberships to date from and after the first Saturday in June.

XIII. The Board of Directors may adopt By-Laws for their own government and guidance, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

XIV. This Constitution and By-Laws shall not be amended save at the annual meeting of the Society, and then only when the proposed amendment shall have been reduced to writing, and entered on the minutes of the Society, at least one month previous to a vote being taken on the same, and provided also, that a 2-3 majority of the members present shall concur in the adoption of the amendment or amendments proposed.

By-Laws.

I. The Board of Directors shall audit all accounts presented against the Society, and all warrants drawn upon the Treasurer shall be upon sworn vouchers, approved by a majority of the Board of Directors, there being a quorum.

II. The Board of Directors shall determine the character of the published reports of the Society, and shall decide what papers from its transactions and collections the biennial report shall contain; shall provide for the annual address; shall take such action as may be deemed advisable in reference to the delivery from time to time of lectures and addresses on historical subjects at the University or elsewhere; shall take such action as the interests of the Society shall from time to time demand in relation to providing and furnishing suitable rooms for its collections, and shall consult with the Secretary and Custodian and with them decide upon the purchasing of books to augment the Society's library.

III. At or before the commencement of each fiscal year the Board of Directors shall examine and audit the accounts of the Treasurer; and at the annual meeting they shall make a written report to the Society.

IV. There shall be a Committee on Legislation to consist of five members; and it shall be the duty of the committee, annually, to confer with the members and committees of the legislature, and present for their consideration and action the matters for legislation which the Board of Directors shall recommend.

V. There shall be a Committee on Nominations to consist of five members; it shall be the duty of the committee, annually, at some time previous to the annual meeting of the Society, to make a selection of persons who they may deem proper to recommend for members of the Board of Directors, and shall present the same for the action of the Society at the annual meeting.

VI. The Custodian shall be paid a salary of.....
.....by warrant on the Treasurer of the Society,
drawn by the Secretary, and countersigned by the President, out of any appropriations made by the Legislature for the benefit of the Society.

VII. That a two-thirds majority of the Directors present shall be required to elect a candidate for membership.

OPENING OF OKLAHOMA.



Paper submitted by Hon. Sidney Clarke at the annual meeting of the society, June 2, 1905.

The contents of this paper will be partly personal incidents connected with the opening of Oklahoma to settlement, and partly a reference to the first congressional legislature relating to the Territory.

To write the complete history of the heroic struggle which covered a period of many years and which involved so much of unselfishness, sacrifice and suffering on one hand, and craft and greed on the other, would fill a volume of a large proportions and be of transcendent interest. It would record the most exceptional epoch in the history of American civilization, in the subjugation of a new continent and the founding of sovereign states. Told in all its details it would be a story intermixed with romance and tragedy, and would exemplify as never before the resistless energy of the noblest band of American pioneers that ever turned their faces toward the setting sun. If life and health remain I hope some time to write an impartial history of Oklahoma—of its early and later days—unless some one more competent than myself shall sooner undertake the work.

The land over which Coronado marched and of which Humboldt and Irving wrote, is soon to be the forty-sixth star in the galaxy of states, unless the national congress still remains insensible to the demands of justice for fifteen hundred thousand citizens. For more than a decade there has been no good reason why statehood should not have been conferred upon us, and why we should not have enjoyed the privileges and exercised the responsibilities of local self government.

The first movement in congress for the establishment of a territorial government here commenced twenty-five years before it was finally accomplished. The Hon. Robert T. VanHorn, of Missouri, then a member of the house from the Kansas City district, introduced the first bill for the creation of the Territory of Oklahoma out of what was then known as the Indian Territory. That was in the Thirty-ninth Congress. No action being taken it was again introduced by Mr. VanHorn in the Fourtieth Congress, referred to the committee on Indian affairs and favorably reported, but failed to be considered for want of time. And still again in the Forty-first Congress, Mr. VanHorn presented his bill, more determined than ever to secure its consideration. I was at that time chairman of the committee on Indian affairs and Mr. VanHorn was a member of the committee. The bill was fully discussed by the committee and after deliberate consideration of all its provisions, was again favorably reported to the house. I remember the deep interest Mr. VanHorn manifested in the bill and the conclusive reasons he presented why the legislation should be had. I fully sympathized with him in his earnest advocacy of the measure, and contributed whatever influence I had as chairman of the committee to secure its favorable consideration. I believed then as I have believed in the years that followed, that there should be no part of our territorial domain that should be left without the protection of Civil Government.

No man in Congress was better qualified than Mr. Van Horn to champion the bill which he introduced. A statesman, thoroughly identified with the interests of the great southwest, and an editor of conspicuous ability, he was comprehensive in information, alert in argument, and fore saw with prophetic vision the grand possibilities of the future of Oklahoma.

When the bill was taken up for consideration in the house it was claimed by the committee on the territories, of which Mr. Shelby M. Cullum, of Ill., now Senator from that state, was chairman, that under the rules it should be first considered by that committee. An extended debate followed both on the question of the committee and on the merits of the bill. While

the committee on Indian affairs was at a technical disadvantage, its members and those who supported its action, strenuously contended that the necessity of the legislation was imperative, and was as necessary for the protection and prosperity of the Indians of the five tribes as it was for the settlement and development of the country they occupied. Mr. VanHorn defended the bill with much spirit and answered all criticisms of its opponents in a most conclusive manner. Mr. Armstrong, of Pennsylvania, Mr. Sargent, of California, Mr. Cullum of Illinois, Mr. Voorhees, of Indiana, and other leading members of the House participated in the debate.

It should be stated here that the Indians of the five tribes met in convention in September, 1870, as provided for by the treaty of 1866, and that on the sixth of December following, adopted a constitution or organic act for the Indian Territory. This act, which in substance established a Territorial government exclusive for the Indians, was approved by Mr. Delano, then Secretary of the Interior, in the following language: "My conviction is, that as this council has been held under the authority of law, and as it has resulted in a form of government adopted by the Indians themselves, it is best to try the experiment of this government, Congress reserving the full right to approve or disapprove of all legislation that may occur under it. Congress may also desire to alter or modify the constitution which has been adopted."

The Indian government thus provided for was never established, but it undoubtedly operated to prevent Congress from passing the bill reported by Mr. Van Horn.

Among the notable speeches in favor of the bill, I especially remember that of Mr. Voorhees. He argued that the constitution adopted by the Indians was not in strict accordance with the treaties of 1866. He was known as exceedingly friendly to the Indians, but he did not think it wise to put them in full control of the proposed Territorial government. Among other things Mr. Voorhees said:

"In my opinion something should be done. We should either go forward or backward. What shall we do? Pass the

bill now before us or ratify the constitution of Okmulgee, or do nothing, and thus leave the territory in its present condition. Under that constitution the government of the United States would have no supervision whatever over the Indians of the Territory, and would have no responsibility except to make the necessary appropriations. The bill reported by the Indian committee provides for the appointment by the President of the officers of the Territory, while the Okmulgee constitution says they shall be elected. I believe the Indians should have a liberal representation in the offices of the Territory. Among the five civilized nations there are men of cultivation, refinement and talent, who would grace any position. If objection is made to incorporating these Indians more closely into the civil affairs of our government I do not share it. There may be gentlemen upon the floor, and upon my side of it, too, who would object to an Indian here as a delegate to look after the interests of his people. I would remind such that the time has been in the old and chivalrous days, when the proudest representative ever sent here from Virginia boasted in these halls that in his veins ran Indian blood. But there was no spirit of caste which ostracised John Randolph, of Roanoke. He trod this floor and the floor of the Senate with the lofty demeanor of an Indian prince asserting everywhere his aboriginal lineage and challenging and receiving social homage from all. Sir, I have no prejudice against the Indian. He is a native and proprietor of this land. I know the people mentioned in this bill. I have been associated with them in business relations. I have met among them men who were as full of proper and patriotic spirit and as capable of legislating for the interests of their people as is any gentleman on this floor representing any contingency, I care not how refined or exalted."

This spirit of liberality toward the Indian pervaded all the discussion on both sides of the question. Finally the bill was referred to the Indian and the Territorial committees for joint action and subsequently favorably reported back to the house by Mr. VanHorn. But this was late in February, and as the Congress expired on the Fourth of March, no further action was had.

The name "OKLAHOMA" was furnished by Col. E. C. Boudinot, one of the most prominent men in the Cherokee nation. He was an able lawyer and an accomplished gentleman, and stood almost alone, among the Indians in advocating the opening of all the surplus lands in the Indian Territory to white settlement. He held that the lands west of the five tribes were public lands and practically free from Indian title. It was said that Col. Boudinot inherited his liberal views from his father, who was assassinated in the Cherokee nation soon after the tribe moved west. The elder Boudinot opposed the exclusive policy, which at that time dominated the tribe and paid the penalty with his life. As a natural result his talented son became a crusader of the progress of his tribe, and by his unyielding persistence at home, at Washington and elsewhere in the country, labored to elevate his people to the same standard of civilization and citizenship enjoyed by the white race. Possessed of a legal mind, combined with a sentimental and poetical temperament, fond of music and of art, he was a fine orator, a vigorous writer, and one of the most companionable men I ever knew. He was well known by the public men of the country and held a high place in the esteem of all. When Capt. David L. Payne commenced the movement to open Oklahoma to settlement, when Capt. W. L. Couch and myself went to Washington to labor for the necessary legislation, Col. Boudinot was always ready to lend a helping hand. His wide acquaintance and great ability were no unimportant factors in the long and strenuous controversy which ensued in the Forty-ninth and Fiftieth Congress, and which resulted in the amendment to the Indian appropriation bill, under which the first settlement was made here on the 22nd of April, 1889. Col. Boudinot's death at Ft. Smith, while yet a young man, was received with profound regret wherever he was known.

From the close of the Forty-first Congress up to the Forty-ninth Congress no substantial progress was made in that body looking to the opening of Oklahoma to settlement, and the creation of a Territorial government. The battle was transferred from Washington to the west. The legions of Payne

and Couch were formed to invade the Territory for homestead settlement, under the name of the Payne Oklahoma Colony. Not less than twenty thousand people composed the organization. They belonged to all the professions and all the walks of life and all the states of the Union. In the meantime the cattle syndicates took possession of the country, and by the administration of Hayes aided and Cleveland, held it with firm grasp. The army was stationed on the border to keep out the settlers. Payne and Couch and others were repeatedly arrested. Couch was tried on the charge of treason before Judge Foster of the Kansas United States district court and promptly acquitted. Payne vainly sought to get into the courts so as to test the legal statutes of the land. But as often as he was arrested during his repeated invasions of the Territory, he was taken to Kansas or Arkansas and released without any charge being made against him.

Early in 1885 a general move to invade the Territory was planned and a large number of colonists assembled at Caldwell, Kansas and along the southern border of that state. Before the movement was made Payne fell dead with heart disease, at Wellington, Kansas, and Couch assumed command of the colony. He had been a member since 1882. In the Oklahoma War Chief of July 8, 1885, edited by Col. Samuel Croker, who was also an able and active leader in the movement, the following description of the new commander appeared:

"Captain Couch is thirty-five years old, stands erect, five feet and ten inches high, weighs one hundred and sixty pounds, is of a fair complexion, of light hair, bright blue eyes, wears a mustache, is the father of a family, and is of a very amiable disposition. His whole soul is wrapped up in the work to which he is so nobly devoted. In appearance he is a modest unassuming man, rather bashful and reserved though congenial and pleasant, with a fund of knowledge concerning the Oklahoma movement, cattle syndicates, land laws, and army indignities, and matters pertaining to the colony and the Indian Territory really remarkable. No manlier man ever stood at the head of so important an organization, possessing such executive ability, cool deliberate judgment, intrepid bravery and courage. No man can help liking him, and all the old colonists would lay down their lives for him."

Captain Couch was fully worthy of this high encomium. The year 1885 was crowded with events important to the colony. Invasions of the Territory, frequent arrests, and a threatened Indian war with the Cheyennes and Arapahoes followed in rapid succession. The Chicago Tribune and Kansas City Times and other metropolitan journals espoused the settlers' cause. The battle was now fairly on and the country east and west was thoroughly aroused in the energy of the situation. I was employed by the Chicago Tribune to go to Ft. Reno with General Sheridan where a large number of troops were concentrated, and send full dispatches to that paper relating to the Indian trouble, and especially in regard to the controversy between the cattle men and the intending settlers. This was my first visit to the Territory. The Indians were soon composed. I then traveled as far east as where Oklahoma now stands and then north to the Kansas line. I found that this was a vast cattle pasture occupied by thousands of cattle owned by the powerful syndicate, that they controlled the cattle business of the southwest. It had appeared at Ft. Reno that the cattle occupancy was the real cause of the Indian trouble and this was confirmed by what I subsequently discovered. In extensive dispatches I told the true story in the Tribune, which was confirmed by other representatives of the press. Gen. Sheridan's report to the President and the wide spread publicity of the true situation, angered the cattle men, but it aroused the people generally to the justice of the demands for the opening of the lands.

On July 21, in 1885 Attorney-General Garland decided that the lessees of the Cherokee Strip, of the Cheyenne and Arapahoe reservation, and of the Kiowa and Comanche reservation were illegal. On August 7, President Cleveland issued his proclamation ordering that the cattle be taken out of the Cheyenne and Arapahoe reservation, but neglected to enforce the opinion of Attorney-General so far as the rest of the Oklahoma lands was concerned.

From this time on it became evident that the administration was insincere, and that in spite of frequent promises made by the Secretary of the Interior to Capt. Couch and myself, that

both the President and the secretary were upholding the cattle syndicates. But there was no relaxation on the part of the colonists. They knew they had friends in Congress and to them they determined to appeal.

The first session of the new Congress was met on the first Monday in December, 1885. Gen. James Weaver, of Iowa, was a member of the house, and Chas. H. Van Wyck, of Nebraska, was a Senator from that state. Both men were of conspicuous ability, fully conversant with the situation here, and the house and senate. Capt. Couch reached Lawrence the same day, and the following night was spent by us in drawing a bill of twenty-two sections providing for a Territorial government for all the old Indian Territory, opening the surplus land to homestead settlement, defining the rights of the Indians, and settling all controverted questions which were then pending. The bill was on its way to Washington by the mail of the next day, and on its receipt by General Weaver and Senator Van Wyck was promptly introduced by them.

On the 28th of the following January, Capt. Couch and myself proceeded to Washington and took up the fight before the committee of both houses and never abandoned it until the victory was won.

It would require a separate chapter and much space to give in detail the history of the legislative battle which ensued. The bill was kept constantly at the front by its friends for more than three years and fought most determinedly by its opponents. To the end of that Congress and up to its passage in the house by forty-five majority the battle was of the most strenuous character. We enlisted the New York Herald in its behalf and many other great papers in the eastern cities. After being reported by the house committee on the Territories it was known as the Springer bill and the principal change made being the eliminating of the five tribes from its provision.

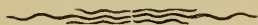
To General Weaver more than to any other member the credit is due in securing its consideration and passage. The end of the session was approaching. Many measures of national importance were pending. The committee on rules opposed

the bill and refused to set a day for its consideration. We knew that a majority of the house was in its favor, but our appeals to the committee for action were in vain. At that time the Reed rules had not been adopted and dilatory motions could be indefinitely made, the yeas and nays called, and all legislation suspended until some agreement could be reached. Gen. Weaver stepped willingly into the breach and inaugurated a drastic filibuster and continued for three days. Then came the surrender of the committee, a day was fixed, and the bill was triumphantly passed only to be defeated in the senate a few days later.

But our friends in the house stood firm. The Indian appropriation bill was not yet passed. It was determined at once to place an amendment on that bill, opening a portion of the land as an entering wedge for the Territorial government in the future. On the following night we held a meeting in the room of the committee on the Territories, at which Gen. Weaver and Mr. Springer, of Illinois, Mr. Perkins, of Kansas, Mr. Peel, of Arkansas, Capt. Couch and myself and several other friends were present. Sections 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department for the year ending June 30, 1890, were hastily drawn, adopted by the house before morning as an amendment and sent to the senate, where the bill was referred to a conference committee. The amendment was resisted by the senate conferees for many hours, but was finally accepted and became a law.

Thus it was that the first step was taken in the new commonwealth, which under the providence of God, is destined to be one of the greatest and grandest in the Federal Union. The struggle for statehood has been long and earnest. But it has not been as long nor as difficult as that which preceded it, and of which Payne and Couch were the heroic leaders.

THE FREE HOMES BILL.



At the annual meeting of the society, June 2, 1905, Hon. Dennis T. Flynn presented the following paper on incidents leading up to presentation of pens used in signing the bill:

When the lands now embracing the Territory of Oklahoma were opened to homestead settlement the Government provided that it should be re-imbursed for the various sums paid the Indians for these lands, by the settlers who should make entry upon them: with the exception of Original Oklahoma, which was opened under the Free Homes Bill, and which was afterwards divided and comprised parts of the Counties of Logan, Oklahoma, Cleveland, Canadian, Kingfisher, Payne and Beaver.

In the fall of 1892, after a succession of droughts, and after the opening for homestead settlement of the Cheyenne and Arapahoe, the Pottawatomie and the Iowa and Sac and Fox Lands, I was nominated for the first time by the Republican party on a platform demanding that the National Government allow settlers upon these lands to secure title to them free and without cost, after a residence of five years. The first Free Homes Bill introduced in the American Congress since 1862 was introduced by me in the fifty-third Congress. It was, after having been referred to the Interior Department by the Committee on Public Lands, adversely reported by the then Secretary of the Interior, and also by the Committee on Public Lands of the House of Representatives.

Immediately following this the Cherokee Strip was opened to homestead settlement and divided into three districts, the settlers in the eastern district being compelled to pay, in addition to complying with the Homestead requirements, \$2.50 an

acre; in the central district \$1.50 an acre; and in the western district \$1.00 an acre; and about the same time, the Kickapoo Reservation was also opened, the settlers being compelled to pay \$1.50 an acre in addition to the homestead requirements in it.

After the adverse reports of the Secretary of the Interior and the Committee on Public Lands in the fifty-third Congress, the Free Homestead Bill was again introduced by me in the fifty-fourth Congress, during which Congress the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, making Greer County part of Oklahoma had been rendered, and the Free Homes Bill then pending was favorably reported by the Committee on Public Lands of the House, and was taken up for consideration by a special rule drawn by Speaker Reed, was amended on the floor of the House to make it apply to Greer County, and on March 16, 1895, passed the lower house of Congress with but very little opposition. It was amended when it went to the Senate, so as to make it apply to other states that had lands similarly situated, but failed to be enacted into law. An effort was made by my successor, Mr. Callahan, in the fifty fifth Congress to again pass the bill which had passed the Senate, but it was defeated in the lower house.

In the fifty-sixth Congress a conference of the various representatives from the States and Territories affected by the Free-Home agitation was held, and a general Free Homes Bill was introduced, passed the House of Representatives with but little opposition, and passed the United States Senate by unanimous consent. It was then transmitted to President McKinley for his approval, and he referred it to Secretary E. A. Hitchcock of the Interior Department for an opinion.

One of the pens which I have presented to the Society is the pen with which Secretary Hitchcock signed his report advising President McKinley to sign the bill.

On May 20, 1900, President McKinley attached his signature to the Free Homes Bill, in the presence of myself and a large gathering of people from Oklahoma, and the Senators and Representatives from the states that were affected by the legislation. After signing the Bill, President McKinley handed

the pen with which he had signed it to me with his compliments, and that is one of the pens with which I have also presented the Society.

The third pen is the pen with which the then Speaker of the House of Representatives, David B. Henderson, attached his signature to the enrolled Bill the day it was sent to the White House.

The Bill which was signed with these pens by President McKinley cancelled an obligation on the part of the people of Oklahoma to the United States amounting to \$16,000,000 on their homes, and a sum amounting to about \$65,000,000 due from the settlers throughout the United States on the lands that this bill made free.

I take it that these are substantially the facts which you desire. It is impossible to describe or write the various anxious and disheartening hours that the homesteaders and their families endured for the eight years that the Free Homes Agitation prevailed in this Territory.

Having been the Delegate who was entrusted with the mission of securing free homes, and to whom all of these pens had been presented, I thought, after a great deal of deliberation, that they could best be preserved by the Historical Society, and it was with sorrow, but with a sense of justice, that I have surrendered them to their keeping.

Yours truly,

D. T. FLYNN.

Delegate 53rd, 54th, 56th, 57th Congresses.

ACCESSIONS.

Following is a list of the more essential accessions to the Society since its inception in 1893. Some of these are given in the aggregate only. Until June, 1904, no record of donors seems to have been kept after the removal of the collections to Norman; hence the names of many donors are unknown. The society would be pleased to have any one who has contributed and whose name does not appear, give notice so that a record may be made.

Art Collections.--Photographs.

E. L. Cralle, Norman, member of legislature, 1905, with biographical data.

A. L. Sherrock, Cleo, member of legislature, 1905, with biographical data.

Edgar T. Tucker, Guthrie, Socialist candidate for legislature, 1904, with biographical data,

C. M. Barnes, Guthrie, Ex-Governor.

W. C. Renfrow, Joplin, Mo., ex-governor of Oklahoma;

A. J. Seay, Kingfisher, ex-governor and ex-member of the supreme bench.

William Lurty, U. S. Marshal of Oklahoma under Harrison.

John L. McAtee, Enid, ex-member of the supreme bench. Now deceased.

A. C. Scott, Stillwater, president of the A and M. College.

Sidney Clarke, Oklahoma City, ex-congressman from Kansas, ex-custodian of the Oklahoma Historical society.

Samuel Crocker, Oklahoma City, who succeeded David L. Payne as publisher of the Oklahoma War Chief at Arkansas City; large crayon of David L. Payne, editor of the War Chief in 1885.

C. Ross Hume, Anadarko, first graduate of University at Norman.

F. S. E. Amos, Vinita, first president Oklahoma Historical society.

A. McBride, Watonga, member legislature, 1905, with data.

Henry E. Asp, Guthrie, solicitor Santa Fe.

Lone Wolf, Kiowa chief and minister, Lonewolf.

J. B. A. Robertson, Chandler democratic candidate for legislature, 1904.

Jesse J. Todd, Alva, Socialist candidate for legislature, 1904, with data.

Leslie Gordon Niblack, Guthrie, member legislature, with data.

T. A. Blaze, city clerk of Oklahoma City.

A. R. Hickam, principal Oklahoma City high schools.

C. G. Jones, Oklahoma City, ex-legislator, ex-mayor and promoter.

J. P. Woolsey, Photograph: data, Perry, Okla.

Mary D. Couch, superintendent public schools, Oklahoma City.

J. P. Boetner, prominent business man of Lawton.

F. N. Howell, superintendent schools, El Reno

W. P. Harper, probate judge of Oklahoma county.

R. N. McConnell, Oklahoma City, attorney.

F. S. Blackburn, county clerk Oklahoma county.

Master Welden Worden, infant son of W. E. Worden, Waukomis, Oklahoma

William Grimes, ex-U. S. marshal, territorial secretary, Guthrie.

W. A. Maxwell, member legislature from Canadian county 1903-5, publisher of the Oklahoma Magazine, Oklahoma City.

John L. McAttee, ex-member supreme bench of Oklahoma, (now deceased).

A. G. C. Bierer, ex-member supreme bench of Oklahoma.

Courtland C. M. Fuqua, Chandler, with address before editorial association at Oklahoma City April 25, 1905. Frame and glass.

T. C. Sears of Kansas and biography. First discovered that Oklahoma lands were public domain. Ex-resident Oklahoma City, solicitor of the Choctaw in Oklahoma. Biography by W. T. Little.

Mrs. Judge Dale, Guthrie

Mrs. C. F. Burford, Guthrie, chief justice.

J. G. Watrous, representative from Woods county, 1905.

George W. Clark, Oklahoma City.

Thomas W. Conway, president Alva Normal school.

Charles Wadsworth, city engineer, Oklahoma City.

R. V. Temming, Chandler, superintendent public schools.

E. N. Duncan, of the Rock Island, Oklahoma City.

H. C. Meadows, Lawton.

H. O. Emerick, ex chief of police, Oklahoma City.

J. J. Mitchel, attorney, Oklahoma City.

J. S. Alexander, treasurer Oklahoma county.

Mrs. David R. Boyd, Norman.

A. M. Debolt, pioneer business man of Oklahoma City.

J. P. Allen, ex mayor of Oklahoma City.

F. Virginia Graves, Oklahoma City schools

- Miss Emma Rabbie, Oklahoma high school.
 W. L. Alexander, ex-county treasurer Oklahoma county.
 Oscar Lee, proprietor Lee Hotel, Oklahoma City.
 J. L. Mitch, Oklahoma City, register deeds, Oklahoma county.
 Charles Alexander, ex-treasurer, Oklahoma county.
 B. B. Bone, Anadarko, member legislature, 1905.
 J. N. Holcomb superintendent Oklahoma City schools.
 James M. Anderson, Oklahoma City plumbing inspector.
 Bird S. McGuire, Pawnee, delegate to congress.
 A. D. Marble, Oklahoma City, with data.
 W. E. Bolton, Woodward, editor News and Live Stock Inspector.
 Harry F. Clarke, first Oklahoma census taker.
 John C. Delaney, ex-land official at Oklahoma City, now Wash-
 ington, D. C.
 J. B. Campbell. Waukomis: photo of Tulsa Jack, dead highway-
 man, killed by William Banks, 30 miles west of Hennessey, April 4,
 1895.
 William Lurty, ex-U. S. marshal of Oklahoma.
 A. J. Seay, ex-governor, Kingfisher, self, and of Ralph Seay, first
 cadet appointed by Hon Dennis Flynn.
 Dr. Watts, Norman; member 3rd legislative district.
 A. G. C. Bierer, ex-member supreme bench. Guthrie.
 University foot-ball group, Norman University, 1898.
 R. W. Roming, Winfield, Kan.: group of University senate, Nor-
 man, 1900.
 William Grimes, Guthrie, ex-U. S. marshal, present secretary of
 Territory.
 Henry T. Miller, first president Oklahoma Press association.
 E. W. Oliver, Oklahoma City: group of Rough Riders.
 C. G. Jones, Oklahoma City: ex-member of the legislature.
 C. R. Brooks, ex-attorney general.
 W. A. Rutlege, Norman; Poor Buffalo, Kiowa chief, taken May
 16, 1900.
 C. P. Wickmiller, Kingfisher; original crayon of David L. Payne.
 Samuel Crocker, successor to David L. Payne as editor of Okla-
 homa War Chief; photo of self, and framed crayon of David L. Payne:
 crayon of W. F. Cody.
 C. Ross Hume, Anadarko: first graduate of University at Norman.
 C. A. Galbreath, ex-attorney general, ex-member of the bench of
 Hawaii
 A. D. Marble, Oklahoma City pioneer: with data:
 Group of Editorial Association, Oklahoma City, April 24, 1905
 Chamber of Commerce, Oklahoma City, police group, El Reno.

Scenes and Views.

- Commercial Club; Excursion; Ardmore, I. T.
 Band; same; Interior coach: band at rest.
 Same; "As we Jog Along."
 Same; Interior of the coach presenting water set.
 Same; Homeward bound.
 Group in the rear of the coach.
 Street; Capital ground: Little Rock.
 Orchard; near Oklahoma City.
 Early day residence; model residence near Oklahoma City.
 Agriculture: 108 pound watermelon; near Oklahoma City.
 Agriculture: monstrous squash.
 Commerce: Farmers state bank.
 Commerce: Interior English Kitchen; Oklahoma City.
 Church building; Oklahoma City: M. E. Church.
 Hospital building; Catholic building.
 New Catholic Church: Oklahoma City.
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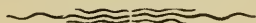
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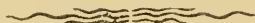
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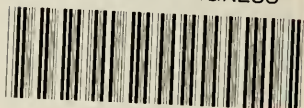
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